

Minutes -- ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE  
(ACAC) MEETING

October 2, 2014

7:30 pm, Cutter House Gallery

Attending: Adria Arch, Barbara Costa (took minutes), Carla Dorato, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel (Chaired meeting), Aimee Taberner

Also attending: Amy Mongeau (Arts & Culture Liaison)

1. Approved September meeting minutes.
2. Town Day debrief – Amy Mongeau reported successful distribution of ACAC postcards; will bring more to elave at ATED’s Tourism booth. Adria encouraged us all to stop in, see video. Amy reported on ideas for ACAC Facebook page ‘Throwback Thursday’ posts using images from Historical Society. Suggested reading for all: Arlington Cultural Heights book written by Aimee with Sarah Burks and Doreen Stevens.
3. Update on ACAC openings, selection process.  
Barbara reported that Adam Chapdelaine is waiting for input from candidate(s). Nothing new from School Committee; Amy contacted them and they will announce opening at next SC meeting. Suggestion to post on ACAC Facebook page.
4. Nomination of ACAC representative to Poet Laureate Screening Committee - discussion of possible candidates. We should check with each to see who is willing to serve, then vote on one designee at next (Nov.) meeting.
5. Arlington Cultural Council application update – Adria reported that she will work with Amy to apply for the grant by the October 15 deadline.
6. Cultural planning update – not covered
7. Cultural District designation project update – Plans were discussed for the October 9 special ACAC meeting with members of A-TED. Amy is working on a map showing various arts & culture assets with color coding, working with Adam Kurowski of the Town’s Planning and Development department. Continued discussion of the potential size of the district to be planned, Arlington Center/East Arlington, or

a subset. We will work with the Massachusetts Cultural Commission to help define our parameters.

Discussion on October 9 to include benefits of Cultural District designation to Town, and involvement of town government as well as partnerships with arts/cultural/historical organizations and businesses with the goal of working on a unifying theme. We will research economic benefits experienced by other cities and towns which already have Cultural District designation. Goal is to learn if A-TED will support a Cultural District designation effort.

Adria has set up a meeting with Carol Kowalski and Ted Fields on October 14, at 10 am, to report on the results of the October 9 meeting.

8. Funding discussion (not on agenda) – Discussion of possible sources from business (real estate, banks). Adria needs to be reimbursed for costs so far for postcards, website. Barbara to pursue discussion of Town budget possibilities via Finance Committee.
9. New business
  - a. Request by Jennifer Susse for ACAC endorsement of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) on November 4 town-wide ballot. UNANIMOUS VOTE taken to support. Stephanie will report to Jennifer.
  - b. Carla said that the Chamber of Commerce First Light event is looking for a committee to judge window art; Carla will find out if they could give us criteria for evaluation. At our November meeting we will suggest at least three people to be judges.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:14 pm

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